

Media Update
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YPMAC Distributes Food Assistance Worth of IDR 9 Billion from Freeport Partnership Fund for 7 Tribes Communities in Mimika Regency

Timika – Amungme Kamoro Community Development Foundation (YPMAC) as the manager of Freeport partnership fund for the community development has re-allocated a budget of IDR 9 Billion to assist the community to deal with the impact of COVID-19 pandemic. This assistance was focused on the purchasing of food assistance that will be distributed to the 7 tribes communities in the Mimika Regency.

This commitment was stated by the Executive Director of YPMAC, Vebian Magal to the media on the press conference on April 22nd at Multi-Purpose Community Centre (MPCC), Timika. “The food assistance will be distributed to the 7 tribes across 47 villages in Mimika Regency. The procurement of food assistance will reach around 4,200 and involves 17 local vendors that cooperate with YPMAC,” said Vebian.

The first phase of the distribution will be focused on the urban and rural areas that can be reached by land vehicles. Today, (25/4), the assistance that reaches around 200 families has been distributed to the Mioko Village, Central Mimika District, Mimika Regency.

This was done as a response to the government policies that have imposed large-social restrictions (PSBB) during the COVID-19 pandemic, especially in Mimika Regency. Vebian hoped, this assistance could make the community stay at home to avoid the transmission and spread of COVID-19.

YPMAC is not only using the Freeport partnership fund for the community development and empowerment to provide food assistance for the community but also, provide COVID-19 handling assistance to the Mimika Regency Government, Papua Province Government, and the Central Government.

PT Freeport Indonesia has distributed the food assistance to the 4,200 families of Amungme and Kamoro communities in several fostered villages. “The assistance was given by YPMAC through this Freeport partnership fund. It has completed range of assistances that have been distributed to the needed community in Mimika Regency,” said the Community Affairs dan Social Responsibility Director of PT Freeport Indonesia, Claus Wamafma.

PTFI collaborates with the government and the company partner continues to carry out effort in preventing the spread of COVID-19 in Mimika Regency. In addition to provide humanitarian assistance, PTFI also conducts a public education to the community related to the simple and important step in preventing the transmission and spread of COVID-19 in PTFI fostered area by distributing sterilizing liquid, masks, and soap to washing hands and bathing.

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Photo	Caption
	<p>The Handover of YPMAC social assistance to the communities in Nawaripi, Timika City, on Saturday (25/4)</p>
	<p>The distribution of social assistance that can still be reached with land vehicles, on Saturday (25/4)</p>
	<p>The distribution of social assistance in the Mware Village Office, Far East Mimika District, to ease the economic burden of the 7 Tribes community, the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak, Saturday (25/4)</p>
	<p>The social assistance was handed over by the YPMAC Team and directly received by one of the families in Mware Village, East Mimika District, Saturday, (25/4)</p>

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